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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

The present paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 31, 2006 and is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time. The amendments and arguments presented herein were discussed with the Examiner in a telephone interview on November 6, 2006 and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Thus, their entry and consideration after final is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Summary of Interview begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.